

**SB1656**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/9/2007, by Sen. James A. DeLeo

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

70 ILCS 1505/20a

from Ch. 105, par. 333.20a

Amends the Chicago Park District Act. Provides that the Chicago Park District is authorized to issue (now, issue before January 1, 2004) bonds in the amount of \$128,000,000 for museums, aquariums, and art museums under the control of the Chicago Park district. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Chicago Park District Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 20a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1505/20a) (from Ch. 105, par. 333.20a)

7 Sec. 20a. Bonds; issuance; interest. Notwithstanding  
8 anything to the contrary in Section 20 of this Act, the Chicago  
9 Park District is authorized to issue from time to time bonds of  
10 such district in the principal amount of \$84,000,000 for the  
11 purpose of paying the cost of erecting, enlarging, ornamenting,  
12 building, rebuilding, rehabilitating and improving any  
13 aquarium or any museum or museums of art, industry, science or  
14 natural or other history located within any public park or  
15 parks under the control of the Chicago Park District, without  
16 submitting the question of issuing such bonds to the voters of  
17 the District.

18 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 20 of  
19 this Act, and in addition to any other amount of bonds  
20 authorized to be issued under this Act, the Chicago Park  
21 District is authorized to issue from time to time, ~~before~~  
22 ~~January 1, 2004,~~ bonds of the district in the principal amount  
23 of \$128,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of erecting,

1 enlarging, ornamenting, building, rebuilding, rehabilitating,  
2 and improving any aquarium or any museum or museums of art,  
3 industry, science, or natural or other history located within  
4 any public park or parks under the control of the Chicago Park  
5 District, without submitting the question of issuing the bonds  
6 to the voters of the District.

7       The bonds authorized under this Section shall be of such  
8 denomination or denominations, may be registerable as to  
9 principal only, and shall mature serially within a period of  
10 not to exceed 20 years or, for bonds issued after the effective  
11 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly,  
12 within a period of not to exceed 30 years, may be redeemable  
13 prior to maturity with or without premium at the option of the  
14 commissioners on such terms and conditions as the commissioners  
15 of the Chicago Park District shall fix by the ordinance  
16 authorizing the issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall bear  
17 interest at the rate of not to exceed that permitted in "An Act  
18 to authorize public corporations to issue bonds, other  
19 evidences of indebtedness and tax anticipation warrants  
20 subject to interest rate limitations set forth therein",  
21 approved May 26, 1970, as now or hereafter amended.

22       Such bonds shall be executed for and on behalf of the Park  
23 District by such officers as shall be specified in the bond  
24 ordinance, and one of such officers may be authorized to  
25 execute the bonds by his facsimile signature, which officer  
26 shall adopt as and for his official manual signature the

1 facsimile signature as it appears upon the bonds.

2 The ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds shall  
3 provide for the levy and collection, in each of the years any  
4 of such bonds shall be outstanding, a tax without limitation as  
5 to rate or amount and in addition to all other taxes upon all  
6 the taxable property within the corporate boundaries of the  
7 Chicago Park District, sufficient to pay the principal of and  
8 the interest upon such bonds as the same matures and becomes  
9 due.

10 A certified copy of the ordinance providing for the  
11 issuance of the bonds and the levying and collecting of the tax  
12 to pay the same shall be filed with the County Clerk of the  
13 county in which the Chicago Park District is located or with  
14 the respective County Clerks of each county in which the  
15 Chicago Park District is located. Such ordinance shall be  
16 irrevocable and upon receipt of the certified copy thereof the  
17 County Clerk or County Clerks, as the case may be, shall  
18 provide for, assess and extend the tax as therein provided upon  
19 all the taxable property located within the corporate  
20 boundaries of the Chicago Park District, in the same manner as  
21 other park taxes by law shall be provided for, assessed and  
22 extended, and such taxes shall be collected and paid out in the  
23 same manner as other park taxes by law shall be collected and  
24 paid.

25 The interest on any unexpended proceeds of bonds issued  
26 under this Section shall be credited to the Chicago Park

1 District and shall be paid into the District's general  
2 corporate fund. The Chicago Park District may transfer such  
3 amount of interest from the general corporate fund to the  
4 aquarium and museum bond fund.

5 The amount of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the  
6 Chicago Park District issued under this Section shall not be  
7 included in the bonded indebtedness of the District in  
8 determining whether or not the District has exceeded its  
9 limitation of 1/2 of 1% of the assessed valuation of all  
10 taxable property in the District as last equalized and  
11 determined by the Department of Revenue for the issuance of any  
12 bonds authorized under the provisions of Section 20 of this Act  
13 without submitting the question to the legal voters for  
14 approval.

15 (Source: P.A. 93-338, eff. 7-24-03.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.